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**SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION**

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Sir:

Small entity status is hereby asserted for the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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